

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**MINIMALLY-INVASIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF  
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE**

and invented by:

**JOHN H. STEVENS, et al.**

22141 U.S. PTO  
10/665236

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

The present application is a continuation of copending application Serial Number 09/950,917 filed on September 12, 2001, which is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/685,262 filed July 23, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,125,852, which is a Continuation-in-Part of application Serial No. 08/485,600, filed June 7, 1995, which is a Continuation-In-Part of application Serial No. 08/281,962, filed July 28, 1994, which is a Continuation-In-Part of application Serial No. 08/163,241, filed December 6, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,571,215, which is a Continuation-In-Part of application Serial No. 08/023,778, filed February 22, 1993, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,452,733, the complete disclosure of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Enclosed are:

#### Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 22 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal                      Number of Sheets 15
- b. ☐ Informal                      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)*                      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney                      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under  
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449                      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
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17. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

Assignee: Ethicon, Inc.  
Somerville, New Jersey

Revocation of Power of Attorney (copy from parent)  
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (copy from parent)

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

18. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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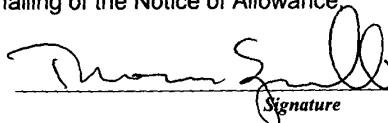
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Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **19-1013 SSMP** as described below.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
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- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

  
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